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The Senate met at 9:45 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we begin the work of this week with the affirmation of the psalmist, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices."—Psalm 28:7. Thank You for the joy we experience when we receive Your unqualified grace and unlimited goodness. Your joy is so much more than mere happiness that is dependent on circumstances and the attitudes of others. When we allow You to fill us with Your love, an artesian joy floods our minds and hearts. We remember times when we trusted You and You helped us, and joy bursts within us. With Your joy we can face difficulties, deal with impossible situations, and endure the most frustrating problems. You are the source of our strength for the tasks of this day, wisdom for the decisions of this week, and encouragement for the challenges ahead of us. You know what we need before we ask You, and You guide us to ask for what is Your will for us. May the joy we experience with You radiate on our faces and be expressed in our attitudes. This is the day You have made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. In the name of our Lord, who brought us joy. Amen.

SCHEDULE

Mr. MURKOWSKI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Alaska is recognized.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Good morning, Mr. President. On behalf of the leader,

and for the information of all Senators, this morning there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m.

Immediately following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1976, the Agriculture Appropriations bill.

The majority leader has indicated that Senators are expected to offer their amendments to the bill. However, no rollcall votes will occur before 5:15 p.m. today.

Members are also alerted that the Senate will complete action on the welfare reform bill tomorrow, with rollcall votes on the welfare reform bill beginning at approximately 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

AN INVASION OF PRIVACY

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to speak this morning relative to an incident that occurred last Tuesday, and I think, if I recall correctly, the senior Senator from West Virginia also had such an incident which, to me, amounted to a certain invasion of privacy.

Last Tuesday, Mr. President, I was leaving my home to walk to my car and, as I rounded the corner, a neighbor asked me why someone was videotaping our block. I smiled at her and said, "Well, I have no idea." As I came around the corner, I was confronted by a news crew from an organization called "A Current Affair." As I attempted to walk toward my car, I found that there was a request for an

interview. I said, "We have a number of votes and I am sorry, but I have to go to work." As I proceeded to walk toward my car, I was confronted not only with the microphone and a cameraman, but somebody carrying the cord and a couple of other people and, I assume, a director.

I said, "I am sorry, but if you want an interview I would be happy to accommodate you at my office."

Well, as I began to get closer and closer to the car, I finally became aware that there was a question that was forthcoming, and it was, "Why have you voted against the highway bill?" I said, "You have the wrong Senator. I have no jurisdiction over highways. You must want somebody else." I was thinking of TRENT LOTT who lives next door. But clearly they were not after TRENT LOTT; they were after me.

The next question was, "Senator, why did you vote against the highway funding legislation and vote for logging roads?" I responded by saying, "You really do not know anything about logging roads," and I went to my car and I closed the door and they said, "Well, you have some stock in one of the logging companies in Alaska." I responded by saying, "No, I do not have that stock," closed the door and backed out.

Then I found that later on in the day this organization from "A Current Affair" had contacted my stockbroker after we had released a public statement, and I will have that printed in the RECORD, relative to the disposal of some of my holdings in natural resource stocks.

They had the gall to suggest that perhaps my broker had predated or backdated the letter, indicating the actual date on which I sold my stock.

Now, Mr. President, we are all victims of living in a glasshouse in our particular business, but I find this kind of activity a personal affront to my own integrity and my own personal affairs.

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